

WHAT REALLY MATTERS

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Luke 18:18-30

SUMMARY:

The question: What should I do to inherit eternal life?
What's going to happen when I die? Where will I go?

Today, many wonder if there is life after death – if there is, is there heaven, is there hell – We're here to study the Bible – in the Bible there is no doubt!

The Bible not only tells us there is a heaven and a hell – it tells us exactly how to get to one and not get to the other!

NOTES:

WHAT REALLY MATTERS IS HAVING THE ASSURANCE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED ETERNAL LIFE!

- 1. IT TAKES MORE THAN KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS!**
- 2. COMMIT EVERYTHING YOU HAVE TO HIM – BE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS!**

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question: 1st John 5:13 says, *"I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life."* Do you **KNOW** that you have received the gift of eternal life?

Discussion: Was there a time in your life when you relied on something other than grace, i.e., keeping commandments, good works, being a good person, for the assurance of eternal life?

Has this changed? How did you come to understand that the gift of eternal life is received by grace alone?

Are there areas of your life that you need to "yield up" in order to completely follow Jesus?

APPLICATION:

Spend some quiet time in prayer, reflecting and listening to the Holy Spirit. Be sure that you are relying on the gift of God alone through the work of Jesus for eternal life, without adding any "good works" to it.

In that time of reflection, review your priorities – is actively and daily following Jesus ahead of and enhancing all the other priorities of your life?

ON YOUR OWN...

Scriptures on which to read and meditate:

- 1st John 5:13
- Ephesians 2:8-10
- Luke 18:9-14

Talk to someone who may not be sure that they have received the gift of eternal life. Share what you've learned in this study with them and see if you can help them to a proper understanding and assurance of the free gift of eternal life ... after all, that's **WHAT REALLY MATTERS**.